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SUBJ: SECURITY AND SAFETY OF UN MILITARY OBSERVERS IN LEBANON

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1. MET WITH DEPFNMIN QADDUR MARCH 11 TO REVIEW QUESTIONS AFFECTING SAFETY AND SECURITY UNMOS IN LEBANON. QADDUR, WHO WITH AL-KHANI'S DEPARTURE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY IS NOW SOLE DEPUTY, IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT SYRIA CONSIDERED UNMOS PLAYED USEFUL ROLE IN LEBANON AND SHOULD ENJOY EVERY POSSIBLE PROTECTION.

2. WHILE MAKING MILD DISCLAIMER THAT SYRIA'S CAPABILITY TO HELP DIRECTLY IN THIS SITUATION WAS LIMITED BECAUSE ITS FORCES WERE NOT IN IMMEDIATE BORDER AREA, QADDUR SAID HE WOULD BRING OUR DEMARCHE TO ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE SYRIAN MILITARY AND SECURITY OFFICIALS AND DIRECT THEY HANDLE QUESTION ON URGENT BASIS. (HE DID NOT TAKE REFUGE IN LEGALISM THAT AS FAR AS ARAB SIDE IS CONCERNED OUR

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DEMARCHE SHOULD BE TO GOL AS THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY.)

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